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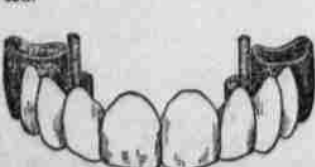
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FIFTY YEARS OF MASONRY.
Chapter 18.

It was at the twenty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge which was held in the city of Omaha, Neb., August, 1891, that the writer of these notes first made his appearance in that important body—twenty-five years ago. The attendance was good, though the distance afforded a good opportunity for proxy gathering among the weaker lodges. The Grand Master set the example by coming up with eight aside from those he had directed to his trusted friends, and Chinn had six tucked snugly in his inside pocket. Several other brothers had been almost as successful. These proxies could only be used on the day of the election, at which time each was worth its weight in gold.

Past Grand Master Moses Dickson was present and was twice formally presented, once as Past Grand Master and again as the representative of the Grand Orient of France. That was the official title of the Grand Lodge of France, and a communication in the French language was presented to the Grand Lodge, translated by Grand Master Pelham and filed away for safe keeping.

The Grand Orient had from the very beginning of Masonry among our people in America been very friendly to us and had in every possible way given encouragement to our growth and prosperity. The white lodges—grand lodges—of this country naturally found much fault with this and soon found many excuses for quarreling



with the Grand Orient, and in several instances severed fraternal relations altogether. Thus the Nemesis of ostracism which surely overtakes every white man or body of men that feels and manifests any real sense of fairness and sympathy toward black men.

In his annual address Grand Master Pelham reported that he had visited Kansas City for the purpose of investigating the Sixth street property offered for sale to the Masons for a temple. He did not like the location of the site, but it was otherwise most acceptable and he might have bought it had not the owner in the midst of the negotiations increased the price far beyond reason. That ended the Yates proposition and it was recommended that a committee be appointed "with discretionary powers," to invest the amount of money collected in some available realty more as an investment than as a location for the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge. By this time the brethren were growing very tired and lukewarm toward the idea anyhow, and a great deal of failure and dissatisfaction had been experienced in collecting the funds in the lodges. It appears, also, that the Grand Master himself was weary of the project and would fain find a way to let it rest, at least for a while. It finally went the way of the Masonic library, over which so much ado had been made a few years before. Of the value of the Temple idea there can be no doubt, and it may have been a misfortune that the plan could not be put through. If the officials of the Grand Lodge were sincere at the time it seems from this distance that there was no actual reason for their failure to carry out the movement for which money had been raised and upon which so much time and energy had been expended. Without a Masonic temple, of course, a Masonic library would be as much in the way as a diagraph at a ladies' sewing circle.

Past Grand Master Alexander Clark had been appointed minister to the Republic of Liberia and in that foreign land had died a few months prior to this meeting of the Grand Lodge, over which he had for several years presided with distinction. The Grand Master paid a somewhat formal tribute to him in his annual address, calling him "Mr. Clark" in one place and summed up his personal virtues in seven lines.

The controversy between the Wood faction and the Walker faction of the Eastern Star work had gone so far as to threaten discord among the Masons of the jurisdiction, as it had among their wives, and the Grand Master appointed a committee to investigate the merits of each side and report to the Grand Lodge. Brother G. M. Wood, leader of one side and a very forceful member of the Grand Lodge, was present and took such good care of his interests before the committee and the Grand Lodge that he easily won the decision and the other side was discredited. Led by the intrepid Walker, however, it continued to operate with even more acerbity and the merry war went on, little affected by the decree of the Grand Lodge.

The day of the elections was uneventful except in the contest for the office of Grand Secretary. Brothers William Cross and M. O. Ricketts both entered the lists against A. R. Chinn, whom one of the speakers had designated "Alexander the Great," and who showed his worthiness of that title by driving his bristling phalanx

clear over the embattlements of his adversaries. Brother Elijah Cooper became Deputy Grand Master, Chas. P. Covington was made Senior Grand Warden and after a spirited contest Brother E. J. Hagamin was made Junior Grand Warden, an honor which he highly deserved on account of his high order of unselfish services to the work of the craft.

The next meeting was voted to St. Louis.

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REV. VERNON DEAD.
Rev. Adam Vernon, father of Dr. W. T. Vernon, ex-registrar of the treasury, passed away at his home in Quindaro, Kan., January 30. He was born March 4, 1835, and at the time of his death was 80 years, 10 months and 26 days old. He was born in Tennessee and came to Lebanon a slave when quite a young man. He was 66 years a Christian, 50 years a minister, organized the first A. M. E. church in Lebanon and was employed by one firm in that city for 32 years. He was elected councilman from his ward by the white and colored people of that city and served with much credit.

He was a Mason for 40 years and at the time of his death was an honorary member of Rone lodge No. 25. The funeral services were held in Allen chapel, Quindaro, a. k. a., Wednesday at 10 a. m. and was attended by a large concourse of citizens from both cities, also the entire faculty and student body of Western university. The following service was rendered, conducted by Rev. P. F. Jones, pastor, as master of ceremonies:

Music—"Abide With Me."
Prayer—Rev. George McNeal, D. D.
Selection—"Asleep in Jesus."
Scripture Lesson—Rev. J. B. Isaacs.
Obituary—Rev. Edward E. Vaughan, D. D.

Sermon—J. C. C. Owens, D. D.
Music—"It Is Well With My Soul."
Resolutions from Western University—Prof. G. A. Gregg.

Exercise by the Masonic fraternity, conducted by Grand Master N. C. Crews of Missouri, assisted by Grand Secretary G. W. K. Love of Missouri, Grand Secretary J. M. Marquess of Kansas and Past Master T. G. McCampbell of Rone lodge No. 25.

Rev. Vernon leaves a wife, two sons,

a daughter, other relatives and hosts of friends to mourn his loss. The Sun extends its sympathy.

NEGROES AT THE THEATERS.
To the Editor of the Kansas City Sun: I read a very interesting letter from Mr. Wilson which I desire to answer. He either does not understand the real conditions that exist in the so-called society of Kansas City or is aiming to "stand in" with the forces that control (7). It is true that the decorum at the named play was not just what it should have been, but it is unfair to take that as a criterion by which to judge the real character of the non-professionals. I happen to be in a position to know both sides, the professional and the non-professional. If the curtains could be drawn back and the flash light thrown on the professional world of Kansas City there would appear upon the stage some of the blackest characters possible to be produced. You would see virtue, morality and justice in a maelstrom, while vice, crime and immorality carried on a high carnival. If the teaching forces of Kansas City were employed for their fitness I venture to say there would be almost a complete revolution. If these things are not true, why was it that the author of the book written denouncing the characters of the Negro teachers of Kansas City go unchallenged? We should have teachers who can teach both by example as well as by precept, and not adulterers and those who have been so corrupt as to be divorced and sued for breach of promise, and so forth. The teaching profession is not the only one that is corrupt. Our lawyers, doctors and preachers also are greatly in need of reformation. I hope Mr. Wilson will stop to take the second thought before he throws the next stone. "Let him who is guiltless cast the first stone."
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